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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 12-22 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,7 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-6 and 8-10 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments, filed 9/25/2006, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1, 2, 7 and 11 under 35 USC 102(b) have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of US 7,024,193.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

1. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tuutijarvi (US 5,710,772).
 - With regard claim 1, Tuutijarvi discloses a method of classifying a received data frame as belonging to one of a plurality of possible classes (Fig.2 DTC and Fig.3 DCCH), each of said classes having a corresponding format wherein a known bit pattern is located in different a respective position within said data frame (Fig.2 DTC with known patterns, SYNC, SACCH, CDVCC and Fig.3 DCCH with known bit patterns, SYNC, SCF, CSFP), said method comprising:

receiving said frame (Figs.1-3 and column 5 lines 36-46, where Fig.2 is the DTC frame structure and Fig.3 is the DCCH frame strure);

computing a first value (column 2 line 63 – column 3 line 1) representing a confidence-weighted correlation between said known bit pattern and data from a first position of said frame (column 3 lines 1-4 and lines 30-34), and

classifying said frame as belonging to a first class or a second class based on said first value (column 3 lines 1-4 and lines 30-34 and column 6 lines 4-38, where DTC or DCCH will be identified).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 7 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuutijarvi (US 5,710,772) in view of Sato (US 5,710,772).

- With regard claim 2, Tuutijarvi discloses all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching computing a second value representing a confidence-weighted correlation between said known bit pattern and data from a second position of said frame, said second position different

from said first position, and wherein classifying said frame as belonging to a first class or a second class is additionally based on said second value.

However, Sato teaches computing a second value representing a confidence-weighted correlation between said known bit pattern and data from a second position of said frame (column 6 lines 23-52, where the second value could be either SYNC(1) or SYNC(2) as shown in Fig.1(c)), said second position different from said first position (where the first position is considered as a whole frame position either 68 bits or 324 bits and second position is the SYNC(1) or SYNC(2) position inside the frame as shown in Fig.1(c)), and wherein classifying said frame as belonging to a first class or a second class is additionally based on said second value (Fig.5 steps S202 –S209 and column 6 lines 23-52) in order to judge the line quality according to this sync signal (column 6 lines 58-60) so that the communication quality is improved.

Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the calculation of the second value that could be either SYNC(1) or SYNC(2) as taught by Sato into Tuutijarvi's detection process so as to improve the communication quality.

- With regard claim 7, Tuutijarvi discloses all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching wherein said first class is a normal burst corresponding to a discontinuous transmission-high (DTX-high) state, and said second class is a truncated burst corresponding to a discontinuous transmission-low.

However, Sato teaches that wherein said first class is a normal burst corresponding to a discontinuous transmission-high (DTX-high) state (Fig.1(b) for uplink – active speech period, Fig.5 steps S202, S210, S211, and column 6 lines 53-57), and said second class is a truncated burst corresponding to a discontinuous transmission-low (DTX-low) state (Fig.1(c) for uplink –silent period, Fig.5 steps S202 –S209, and column 6 lines 23-52) in order to reduce the detection timing of the different frame structure.

Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the two different frame structures as taught by Sato into Tuutijarvi frame detection system so as to reduce the detection timing of the different frame structure.

- With regard claim 11, Tuutijarvi discloses all of the subject matter as described in the above paragraph except for specifically teaching wherein said received data frame is processed in a first manner or in a second different from said first manner, based on the classification of said frame as belonging to a first class or a second class.

However, wherein said received data frame is processed in a first manner (Fig.5 steps S202-S208) or in a second manner (Fig.5 steps S202, S210, S211) different from said first manner, based on the classification of said frame as belonging to a first class (Fig.5 step S202 result of 68 bits of data length) or a second class (Fig.5 step S202 result of 324 bits of data length) .

Therefore, It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to include the two different frame structures as taught by Sato into Tuutijarvi frame detection system so as to reduce the detection timing of the different frame structure.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 12-22 are allowed.
3. Claims 3-6 and 8-10 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.
 - The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to teach and suggest a method of classifying a received data frame as belonging to one of a plurality of possible classes, comprising determining D1, D2 and calculating the ration R steps as recited in claims 12 and 16 and computing a second value as recited in claim 2 and using DTX or CDVCC, and Euclidian as recited in claims 12 and 16, respectively.

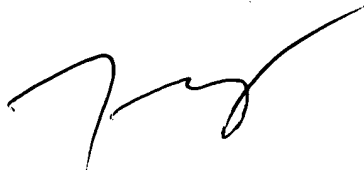
Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ted M. Wang whose telephone number is 571-272-3053. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chieh Fan can be reached on 571-272-3042. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Ted M. Wang

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Examiner
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